



2014 California Vehicle Theft Facts

VEHICLE THEFTS

- In 2014, 159,271 vehicles were stolen. The estimated total value of the stolen vehicles is approximately \$900 million. (This figure is based on the average replacement value established by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.)
- Of the vehicles stolen in 2014, 58.2 percent were automobiles, 26.2 percent were personal trucks and vans, 3.7 percent were commercial trucks and trailers, and 4.6 percent were motorcycles. All other vehicles (recreational vehicles, construction and farm equipment, special construction, etc.) accounted for 7.3 percent.
- For each theft target category, the three most popular targets are listed below:

Autos

Honda Accord 1996
Honda Accord 1994
Honda Accord 1997

Motorcycles

Suzuki 2007
Yamaha 2007
Suzuki 2006

Personal Trucks and Vans

Toyota Pickup 1988
Chevrolet Silverado 2003
Honda CRV 1999

Commercial Trucks

Freightliner 2007
Freightliner 2006
Freightliner 2008

Recreational Vehicles

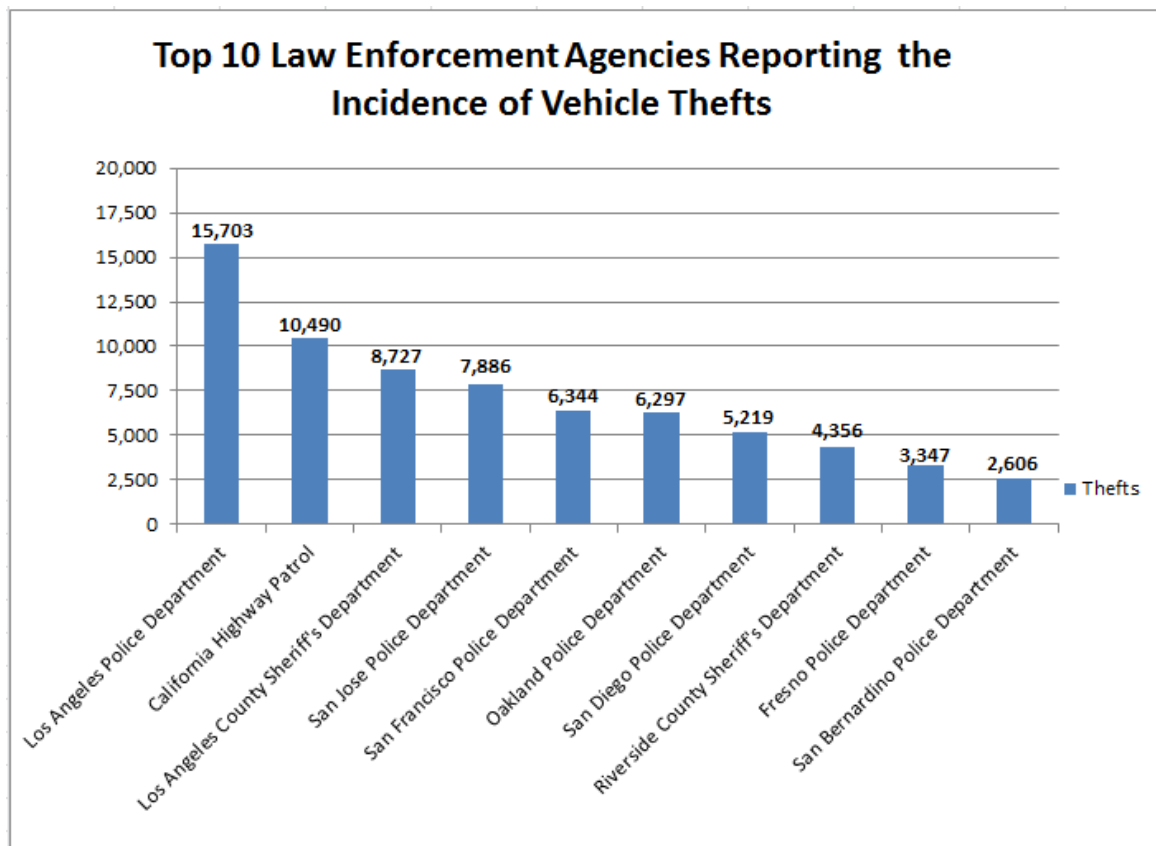
All-Terrain Vehicle 2005
Specialized Golf Cart 2014
All-Terrain Vehicle 2013

Trailers

Homemade Utility Trailer 2014
Homemade Utility Trailer 2000
Carson Trailer 2005

WHERE THE THEFTS OCCURRED

- Approximately 48.4 percent of all thefts occurred in Southern California (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties). Of the thefts in Southern California, 51.1 percent occurred in Los Angeles County.
- Approximately 20 percent of all thefts occurred in the San Francisco Bay area (Alameda, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties). Of the thefts in the San Francisco Bay area, 41.3 occurred in Alameda County.
- Approximately 4.2 percent of all thefts occurred in Sacramento County.
- Approximately 3.1 percent of all thefts occurred in Fresno County.
- The remaining 24.3 percent of thefts occurred throughout California.

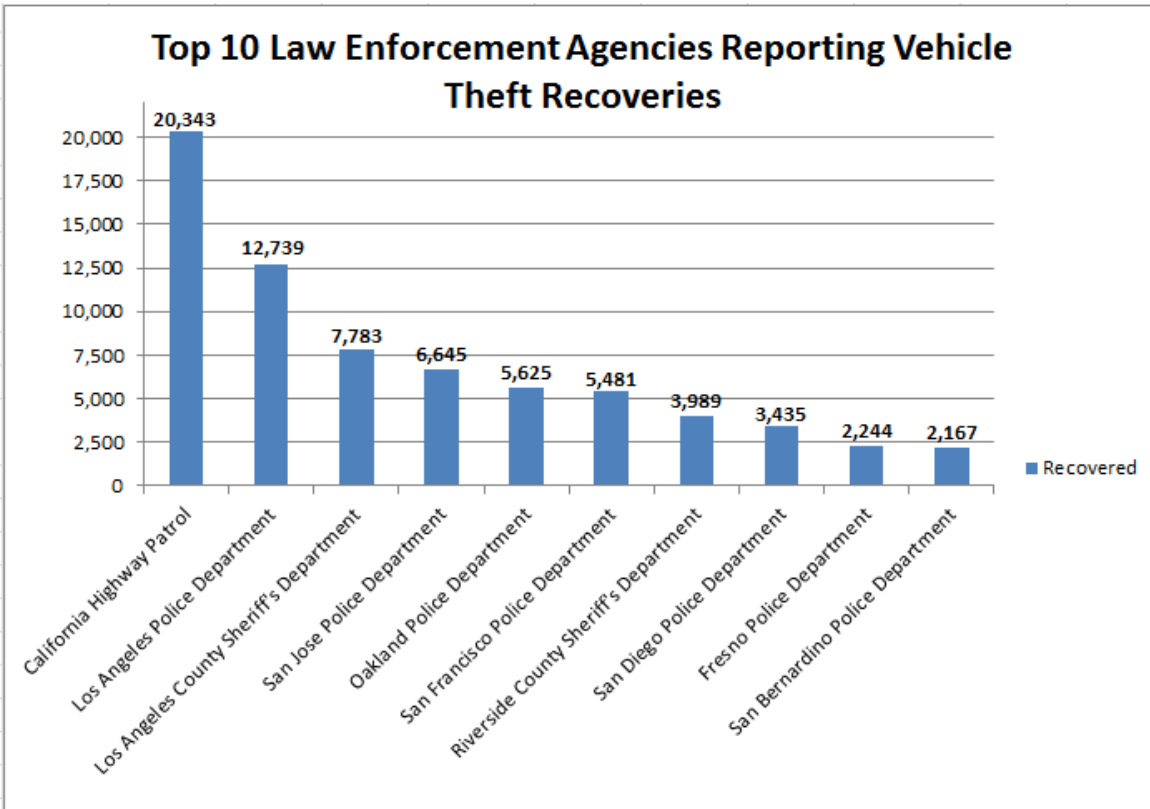


VEHICLE THEFT TRENDS

- The 1996 Honda Accord ranks as the number one stolen vehicle statewide, the 1994 and 1997 Honda Accord are ranked at numbers two and three, respectively. The Honda Accord has remained the top ranking vehicle for theft since 2006.
- Since 1984, Toyota pickups have consistently ranked as the number one most frequently stolen pickup truck. Its popularity is due to its resale value, interchangeable parts, easily defeated ignition system, and availability.
- The 2007 Suzuki and the 2007 Yamaha have ranked as the number one and two most frequently stolen motorcycles every year since 2008.
- Model years 2007, 2006, and 2008 Freightliner commercial trucks are ranked as the three most frequently stolen vehicles in their category. John Deere farm equipment has ranked as the number one stolen vehicle in its category since 2008. These vehicles and equipment are popular targets because of their high resale value, popularity, and availability.

VEHICLE RECOVERIES

- Of the 159,271 vehicles stolen statewide in 2014, 89.6 percent were successfully recovered, representing 142,784 recovered vehicles.
- Of the vehicles stolen statewide, 95.5 percent of the automobiles, 46.1 percent of the motorcycles, 90.1 percent of the personal trucks and vans, and 86 percent of the commercial trucks were recovered.
- Of the vehicles recovered statewide, 65 percent were recovered intact and in drivable condition, 3.6 percent were missing major components, 12.4 percent were stripped of minor parts, and 18.9 percent were intentionally burned and/or wrecked, the remaining .1 percent is considered cargo theft only.
- In 2014, it was determined that 65 of the recovered vehicles were cargo theft only. At .1 percent, the total number of cargo thefts in California is low compared to overall vehicle thefts, however, it is considered an ongoing problem as cargo theft is estimated to cost Californians hundreds of millions of dollars annually.



INFORMATION SOURCES

- California Department of Justice, Stolen Vehicle System
- California Highway Patrol, Vehicle Theft Information System
- Federal Bureau of Investigation